

LINER HER OWN LIFEBOAT

PHILADELPHIA PICKS UP ABLE SEAMAN RYAN IN 9 MINUTES.

Bobbing in an Angry Sea, He Wouldn't Come Aboard in the Loop of a Bow-Line Until He Had Untied a Lumberly Knot and Tied It Bristol Fashion.

Picking up a man who had been swept overboard in a tempest has been accomplished by freighters in a few instances, but not until the American liner Philadelphia, yesterday from Southampton, dragged Able Seaman Michael Henry Ryan of Baltimore out of a wintry ferment has a modern passenger ship made a lifeboat of herself. The scarcity of real American merchant tars and his natural philanthropy contributed to impel Capt. A. R. Mills to make an unusual effort to save the young Baltimorean. The whole incident was unusual. Capt. Mills said that such things occurred "only once in a blue moon." All the traditions of the sea were shattered. There were no crowds at the rail to cheer rescuers and rescued; there was no cry of "Man overboard!" No purse was made up for anybody. There were the elements of a real miracle about the salvation of Ryan, A. B., that put it in a class by itself; also, there was a touch of the serio-comic in it.

The Philadelphia, with thirteen first cabin passengers, one of whom was a prisoner in charge of an American United States deputy marshal, but not known to be so by his fellow voyagers, was about in midocean at 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, thrashing through mighty combers, when a gangplank forward got adrift. Bo's'n Ernest Sargent and five men, including Able Seaman Ryan and Charles Lenz, were ordered to make the plank fast. As they did so the Philadelphia plunged her nose under a curling crest that buried her main deck for an instant. Every mother's son of the boat's gang was whirled from his feet and sent tumbling aft except young Ryan. The wave scooped him up and hurled him entirely clear of the ship's rail way off to starboard into the wild waters below.

Capt. Mills, who was on the bridge with several officers and quartermasters, and the man in the crow's nest saw the trajectory of the able seaman, as did everybody else who was on deck; so there was no need for anybody to cry "Man overboard!" Instantly Capt. Mills stopped the engines, fearing that Ryan might drift astern and be torn by the propellers. Ryan himself, as he told later, had expected after he got some of the sea out of his eyes and could make out the liner to find his shipmates keeping him company. He looked all around and saw that he was alone. His next thought was in the nature of an injunction to himself. He said: "Keep cool, Mike." Then he kicked off his rubber boots. He saw his old friend Lenz running to the rail and he shouted: "Throw me a buoy!" That was what Lenz was running to the rail to do. That buoy, a canvas covered cork ring, was released by a device invented by Lenz himself. The mere pulling out of a peg put the buoy in Lenz's hand, and he hurled it toward his mesmate. It fell within twenty feet of Ryan. He is a strong swimmer, but swimming is a fearful task in a gale swept sea. He feared for a moment that he would be unable to reach the buoy. That also was the fear of his shipmates and of Capt. Mills.

Seven of the thirteen cabin passengers had come out on deck to see the rescue and fifty second cabin and about 200 steerage passengers also looked on. Capt. Mills headed his ship around for Ryan, who was by then several ship lengths astern, and when she was within a few hundred feet of him engines were stopped again and she was permitted to drift into the trough. She drifted down on the sailor, who had put the ring buoy over his head and under his arms and was floating on it, and she formed a lee for him. The ship began to roll heavily and the dishes on all the tables slid off and went to smash. Nobody not even the stewards, paid the slightest attention to this. In fact everybody who was not seasick was out on deck looking at the old-fashioned man with the glistening salt-water bobbing on the waves and looking as calm as a summer swimmer exhibiting in a pool. He was feeling confident that he would be saved; in fact, he smiled and waved a hand to make others feel good about it. Capt. Mills looked down and marvelled at the nerve of the man.

A sea ladder had been lowered over the starboard side amidships, but despite the cheerful aspect of Ryan his shipmates had the impression that he would be too exhausted to climb it, so a heaving line with a bowline knot at the end was tossed to him as he came alongside the ship. He caught the line and made a critical examination of the bowline. Then he swore a gentle sailor's oath not wishing to offend the women whom he saw gazing at him from aloft, declaring in substance that a lubber had tied the knot and he would be blessed if he would permit anybody to hoist him aboard in a loop with a bowline like that. Thereupon he untied the lubber's knot and made one more pleasing to the eye of an A. B. who had been brought up on a sailing craft. He called to his shipmates to haul away then and up he came amidst with six men on the line.

An amateur photographer, who was ambitious to immortalize a notable sea happening, requested Ryan, as he reached the rail, to stand a moment and have his picture taken. Ryan appeared to regard the request as a natural and self-possession as a prima donna, posed in the scuppers, with the heaving line all about him and the ring buoy under his arms, while the photographer had his work. There was not a cheer. Everybody was too much interested in the "fisher" seaman to do anything except stare at him. Then he began to notice that it was pretty cold and went down into the engine room to thaw out and get himself into dry clothing.

Capt. Mills chuckled when he recalled the indignation of Ryan over the bungled bowline, remarking, "Yes, he objected to the knot and made it fresh. He certainly was a cool one. But if he had been washed over at night he never would have been

OPPOSED TO TAFT'S POLICIES

INSURGENCY NOW DEVELOPING AMONG THE REGULARS.

They Do Not Approve Changes in Interstate Commerce Law Nor the Federal Incorporation Plan—Mr. Mondell Refuses to Father Conservation Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Opposition to the Taft policies is developing rapidly within the ranks of the regular Republicans in Congress. It may be necessary soon for President Taft to address himself to the task of bringing regulars into line. Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, who is recognized as Speaker Cannon's first lieutenant on the floor of the House, as well as others identified with the organization, do not approve of the President's recommendation for changes in the interstate commerce law nor do they favor the Administration plan of Federal incorporation.

Mr. Mann has introduced substitute bills in each case. He objects to the interstate commerce court feature of the President's proposal for changes in the rate law and objects to his Federal incorporation bill on the ground that it is an interference with the rights of the States. Mr. Mann does not stand alone in his attitude toward these two Administration measures. His objections to the committee of which he is chairman, the very committee that must pass on the bills before they reach the House.

Now comes Representative Mondell of Wyoming, chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands, in opposition to the Administration plan of conservation. Six bills were prepared by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger proposing to put into law recommendations contained in the President's message. One set was forwarded to Chairman Mondell with the request that he introduce them in the House and another set was forwarded to Senator Nelson, chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Lands. Mr. Mondell has refused to father the bills on the ground that they do not meet with his approval. On the other hand it is the understanding that Mr. Nelson will present the measures.

Mr. Mondell was on the outs with the former Administration on matters of public land policy and was unimpaired in his criticisms of the work in the Interior Department of the late Ethen Allen Hitchcock. He is a strong House organization man.

There are as stated six Taft-Ballinger conservation bills. One provides for a classification of the public lands, another legalizes withdrawals and provides for further withdrawals by the President, a third bill relates to water power sites, the fourth bill provides for the disposal of oil, phosphate, natural gas and asphalt lands and the fifth for the sale of timber on isolated tracts of Government lands. The sixth bill provides for the leasing of coal lands on the public domain. Mr. Mondell, speaking generally of the bills, says:

"I am against the principle of most of these bills, and where I favor the principle I am against the language and the methods the bills use to carry out their ideas. Why, some of the bills are childish. It is assumed that we have been sitting here these many years and have been doing nothing about the land laws. We have kept them up to date and every law on the statute books is excellent. With regard to the timber selling bill it is as far from a conservation bill as it will be. It is about as bad a measure as has been suggested for some time. It proposes to allow a man to cut off timber and then leave the land on our hands. As it is now we require a man to buy the land and the timber and then he conserves the timber and pastures the land."

Mr. Mondell offered to introduce the bills "by request," but this offer was refused by the Secretary of the Interior. An effort is now being made to get Mr. Mondell to introduce the bills without attaching the phrase "by request" to them.

GAS LAYS OUT BATHERS.

Six Men and a Boy Unconscious in Russian Resort Revived by Air and Milk.

Just before dawn yesterday two men in their night clothes ran up to Policemen O'Rourke and Sweeney at 162d street and Second avenue.

"Come quick," they said, "every one is dead!" They led the policemen to Louis J. Albert's Russian baths at 287 East Ninety-eighth street. There was so much gas that they had to climb in through a window. In the lounging room they found six men and a boy on the couches unconscious. They dragged them out into the air and sent in an ambulance call.

Before the ambulance came a milk wagon happened along. Several bottles of milk were poured down the throats of the men. Dr. McDonald of the Harlem Hospital revived them and they went home.

Those overcome were Louis J. Albert, Abraham Arkin of 298 Brook avenue, Carl Dragon of 287 East Ninety-eighth street, Hyman Shier and Nathan Berkowitz of Third avenue, Louis Eisenberg of 290 East Ninety-sixth street and William Wolfman, 10 years old, of 287 East Ninety-eighth street.

After putting coal on the furnace fire about midnight some one had left a damper closed and the gas couldn't get up the chimney.

WANT ICE GORGE DYNAMITED.

Residents of Ohio River Town Fear It Will Be Overwhelmed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 16.—Gov. Marshall received an appeal for aid from the citizens of Leavenworth, a town on the Ohio River, to-day. The conditions set out show that the situation is becoming desperate.

The water in the Ohio River is backed for miles above the town by the Wolf Creek gorge and is rising at the rate of more than a foot an hour. It is now within eight feet of the street levels in Leavenworth and the citizens are powerless to cope with the threatened danger. They want the Governor to send men and dynamite to break up the ice gorge and release the water.

ZOO COBRA ALMOST GOT 'EM.

Snake Surgeons Jumped From the Cage Just as It Leaped at Them.

One of the two king cobras in the Bronx zoo reptile house has been suffering for some time from an abscess on the right side of the jaw. Yesterday Curator Ditmars decided to operate. The cobra has been very ill tempered of late, so the task was no easy one.

Charley Snyder, who is in charge of the reptile house, and Curator Ditmars first offered up a water snake to the cobra. The two serpents fought viciously for some moments, but the water snake had no chance. When the cobra had his adversary partly swallowed Snyder slid into the cage and grabbed the patient behind the head. Then Mr. Ditmars entered, lanced the abscess in one quick move and applied an antiseptic.

The men then dropped the snake and started out of the cage. But the cobra had swallowed his victim by this time and six feet of angry snake drove an evil, hooded head at Mr. Ditmars, who slammed the door of the cage just in time.

Both of the men, experienced as they are in handling venomous reptiles, say that they never have had a closer escape than yesterday.

The operation was successful.

TO-DAY'S ENGLISH CONTESTS.

Ministers, Leader Balfour and Hersford Among Candidates for 104 Seats.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 16.—The English will take place to-morrow in ninety-three borough constituencies, of which eleven will elect two representatives each, making a total of 104 seats.

In the last Parliament, these were held by fifty-two Liberals, thirty-six Unionists and sixteen Laborites.

Among the most interesting of the contestants are ex-Premier Arthur Balfour in the City of London, Cabinet Ministers Burns, Macnamara and Birrell in Battersea, North Camberwell and North Bristol respectively. Admiral Lord Charles Beresford is a candidate in Portsmouth.

The polling to-morrow will include Bedford, Hull, Leeds, Newcastle and Sheffield.

The Rev. C. Silvester Horne, pastor of Whitefield's Congregational Church, Tottenham Court road, was one of the two Liberal candidates elected at Ipswich yesterday. He establishes a record as being the first active minister of religion to enter the House of Commons.

The Constitution incapacitates a Church of England clergyman from sitting in the lower house, but a Nonconformist minister does not rank as a clergyman here, and the Rev. Mr. Horne therefore escapes disability. Many ex-parsons of various denominations have, however, sat in the House of Commons.

TOSSED FROM SLEIGH BY AUTO.

J. C. Groff and His Son Spilled—Father Hurt, Boy Not.

Joseph C. Groff, head of the Groff School, who lives at 228 West Seventy-second street, was thrown from his sleigh in a collision with an automobile at Seventy-second street and Columbus avenue yesterday morning. His right shoulder was hurt, but he is not thought to be seriously injured.

Mr. Groff and his seven-year-old son Jack were driving east on Seventy-second street on their way to Central Park. When they reached Columbus avenue Dennis Dehner of 132 West Ninety-sixth street, driving an automobile owned by Gustav Amisick of 6 Hanover street, came spinning down Columbus avenue. Dehner saw the sleigh too late. Even with the wheels locked by the brake the auto went crashing into the sleigh and crushed it.

Mr. Groff landed ten feet away. The boy tumbled in the snow unhurt. The horse, which had been knocked to its knees, was cut by parts of the smashed sleigh and was badly frightened. It started to run south on Columbus avenue, dragging the remnants of the cutter, but soon freed itself and was running down the avenue when Policeman Thomas Nebill spotted it coming at Sixty-fifth street.

Nebill managed to connect with the bridle and soon had the horse pulled up. He took it to a veterinary surgeon at the Tichenor-Grand stables.

Mr. Groff got to his feet unassisted. Policeman Finn took the chauffeur to the West Sixty-eighth street station house, where Mr. Groff charged him with reckless driving. Then Mr. Groff went home.

20,000 PEOPLE IN NAPLES RIOT.

Fierce Fighting; Many Wounded—All Over Jump in the Poor Man's Rent.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME, Jan. 16.—A riot occurred at Naples to-day, arising from discontent due to the increase in the rents of workmen's houses. A huge procession paraded in the forenoon and halted at the town hall, where a deputation conferred with the Mayor, who promised that the municipality would contribute \$150,000 for building workmen's dwellings.

While the conference was in progress the crowd outside, who were displaying a black flag, became impatient and without waiting for the return of their deputation threatened to rush the town hall. The police charged, but could not disperse them.

Fierce fighting followed, in which a police captain's head was broken with a club, and several policemen and many rioters were injured. The timely arrival of troops prevented the mob from triumphing.

It is estimated that 20,000 persons were involved in the rioting. The Mayor's undertaking to build houses does not meet the demands of the mob, and the agitation continues.

MRS. VALESH TO SEE MR. TAFT.

She Will Tell President About the Increased Cost of Living.

Delegates of labor bodies and other organizations left this city yesterday to attend the national conference on uniform legislation, which begins at Washington to-day. Among them was Mrs. Eva McDonald Valesh, an organizer for the American Federation of Labor, who has been in this city for several weeks attending to the affairs of the striking waiters.

Mrs. Valesh has arranged by appointment to have a talk with President Taft on the question of the increased cost of living and its effect on wage earners. She says she has been collecting statistics on the subject.

MORE FOR WHITE TO EXPLAIN

PEOPLE'S MUTUAL MATTER A CASE FOR THE GRAND JURY.

So Supt. Hotchkiss Says on Reports From Syracuse—He Thinks Lieutenant-Governor Should Make a Further Statement—Bank President Judson Dead.

ALBANY, Jan. 16.—Attorney-General O'Malley said to-night that the directors of the People's Mutual Life Insurance Association of Syracuse who received any money by reason of the transfer or sale of the company would be prosecuted for the recovery of the money. The persons for whom summons and complaint have been prepared and who, it is understood, were served with the papers to-day, and the respective amounts of the judgments asked in each complaint follow: W. H. Beck, \$31,500; E. E. Debar, \$13,500; E. K. Kinne, \$75,000; Iram G. Reed, \$15,000; Charles F. Waite, \$10,000; E. H. Mondon, J. E. B. Santee and Slater Laycock, each \$5,000.

The Attorney-General said: "These actions are brought to recover these moneys by the State for the benefit of the company and will be prosecuted vigorously."

This was the only formal statement made in Albany to-night regarding the Syracuse insurance deal, in which Lieut.-Gov. Horace White has been brought into notice. All that Supt. Hotchkiss of the State Insurance Department was willing to say for publication to-night was that conditions, as revealed by examinations conducted in Syracuse by his department and by the Attorney-General, were sufficient to warrant the District Attorney of Onondaga to present the results to the Grand Jury, and he expected that this would be done in Syracuse to-morrow.

It was not made plain here just where the criminal prosecutions would be begun nor where they might end. Supt. Hotchkiss has in his possession evidence taken yesterday and last night at Syracuse, and this, with other information said to be in the hands of the Insurance Department, puts a more serious aspect on the peculiar manipulation of the Syracuse insurance company. It was anticipated last night that Mr. Hotchkiss would make this testimony and other matters in connection with the insurance deal public to-day.

Mr. Hotchkiss, however, declined to do this. He did admit, however, that the information in his possession, should prompt Lieut.-Gov. White to appear before the department examiners at Syracuse again and supplement his previous statements in connection with the part he took as an attorney in the insurance transaction. Mr. Hotchkiss would not state for publication what information he had in hand which prompted this conclusion.

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ONE WOMAN VOTED.

Widow's Name Got on List at Morpeth, England, by Accident.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 16.—The suffragettes are all envying a woman who actually voted yesterday at Morpeth.

Her name was mistakenly inserted in the register, and when she demanded the right to vote the election officials were unable to refuse her.

RETURNS MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Widow of Gen. Schofield Says Her Wedding Is Merely Postponed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—John H. Heuson, a banker of St. Augustine, Fla., who had taken out a license to marry Mrs. Georgia Kilbourn Schofield, the widow of Lieut.-Gen. John C. Schofield, former commanding General of the army, has returned the license to the clerk of the District of Columbia Supreme Court with a note which read merely: "The within will not be used."

The license was issued on January 5. The marriage was expected to take place last week.

Mrs. Schofield, who resides here, said that her marriage to Mr. Heuson had been postponed merely to suit her convenience. That was all she would say. Mr. Heuson is not in Washington.

Mrs. Schofield married Gen. Schofield when he was commanding General of the army. He was much older than she. Her present age given in the marriage license is 56.

MR. BRYAN LEAVES LISBON.

Court Puzzled by Transfer of U. S. Minister—Fine Diplomatic Act.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LISBON, Jan. 16.—A sensation has been caused here by the sudden and unexpected departure to-day of Charles Page Bryan, the American Minister, who it is stated has been transferred to Brussels. The reason for the transfer is not known and cannot be ascertained here.

The Argentine Minister, Senor Garcia Sagastume, gave a magnificent dinner and ball in Mr. Bryan's honor last night. The King was represented by a high official and the whole Ministry and diplomatic body attended.

RAN AWAY DOWN FORTY STEPS.

Horse and Sleigh Go Down the Long Flight of Princeton's Blair Arch.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 16.—While sleigh riding this afternoon three juniors in the university here, T. S. Fiebrun, W. D. Idema and E. I. Prince, attempted to turn a corner on the campus too short and were thrown into a pile of snow. The horse took fright and after running a hundred yards to Blair Arch went through the arch and down a flight of forty stone steps, slipping and sliding, but arriving at the bottom without injuring himself or the sleigh.

The horse stopped there, apparently as much surprised as the students who speedily congregated.

SAV'S STOVAINE KILLED.

Coroner's Physician Blames New Nerve Decoder for Patient's Death.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Stovaine, according to Coroner's Physician Dr. Warren H. Hunter, caused the death of John Rohrbaugh at the County Hospital last Thursday. Rohrbaugh was operated on for a fractured kneecap and died an hour after he was taken off the operating table.

Dr. Hunter made a post-mortem examination of the body yesterday, and an inquest probably will be held to-morrow. "Death was caused by stovaine and external violence," said Dr. Hunter. "The fractured kneecap is all the external violence that the body showed, and that in itself would not cause death, of course."

Dr. Hunter referred to the new anesthetic recently demonstrated in Chicago by Dr. Thomas Jonnesco as a "medical gold brick."

"It is not a safe anesthetic to use," he said, "and conservative and careful practitioners do not employ it in operations. The condition of the body proves beyond all doubt that stovaine caused the man's death. The anesthetic affected the heart through the nerves."

MOTHER GOOSE DECIDES IT.

A Most Learned Judge Confounded by Romerius vs. Romerius.

"What's your name?" asked Magistrate House of a little old dinky who complained in the Tombs court yesterday that another little old dinky who came with him had "pestered" him in front of 10 Burling slip.

"Who me? My name's Romerius."

"And what's yours?" the Magistrate asked the other.

"Who me? My name's Romerius."

"Romerius and Romerius? Brothers?"

"Yes," said Romerius. "I was standing cleaning my harness (I wasn't peeling the sidewalk) and he came and pestered me."

Romerius made a strong denial.

"Well," said the Magistrate, "I don't find 'pestering' defined in the code. But there is